

April 23, 2009

Dear Residents,

It is with tremendous sadness to inform you of the loss of Dan Lairon, principal at Seven Trees School. Dan passed away unexpectedly over the weekend.

Dan has been a leader within the Seven Trees community for the past eight years, and a member of the Franklin-McKinley School District for almost thirteen years.

Dan will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to his staff and students, and for his efforts to forge strong relationships with the Seven Trees community.

Dan was involved with the SevenTrees Strong Neighborhood Initiative (SNI) from its beginning. He understood the connection between community and education and bridged that partnership by holding weekly parent meetings that became known as "Cafecitos".

Dan provided an opportunity for parents to gather with school administrators and become engaged in their children's education. As a result of Seven Trees Elementary School's high achievement scores, Dan Lairon was invited to lead numerous Education Panels where he shared his educational model and provided knowledge and leadership on how educators and administrators can improve by working together.

Dan lived a life dedicated to public service. He was able to share his hopes and dreams for our students and the community through his service as principal, teacher, and community leader.

Dan was a genuine, one of a kind person and will surely be missed by all of us.

With much sympathy,



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